

# St. Patrick's Parish

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## Mission:

We gather as a welcoming community to worship,  
grow in faith and serve as Jesus served.

## MARCH 3, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The season of Lent gives us time to sit with Jesus and contemplate his sacred journey. When we look at the readings this Sunday, we see a God who loves us, redeems us, and offers guidance in right living for the greater good of all. We hear about the wisdom of God in the Cross, and through Jesus' restoration and renewal of the temple, we are called to live into the Word of eternal life with conviction and reliance.

God begins by speaking these words to us: *"I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me."* Wow, what a pregnant mouthful! God says, *"I am the Lord Your God"*. In Hebrew, the verb 'to be' does not just mean to exist, but to be active in the past, present, and future. God's attention, care, power, and grace was dynamically present to our ancestors and is dynamically present to us and for us now and in the future. God does not sit back and watch things unfold. God is devoted to each one of us and to all of creation.

*"I am the Lord your God"* signifies a personal and relational God. God connects with you... me... us... and reiterates the invitation to be in communion with God. This covenantal language was established with Abraham, with Moses here on Mt. Sinai, and with Jesus on the cross and in the resurrection. God is reminding us of our relationship, our personal connection with God. God desires our openness, trust, and love, and we yearn to be open, trusting, and loving in our relationship with God. Having this personal relationship profoundly grounds us in God, and as we live out of this sacred space, God's instructions give shape to our daily lives, enabling us to fulfill our calling to serve the life and well-being of the whole.

*"who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery"* Our God actively searches for us and relentlessly brings us out of Egypt, a foreign 'land' where we languish in misery, suffering, and oppression, for sin separates us from God. What is your Egypt...the place where you know you don't belong yet you cling to? What keeps you/us enslaved? Fears, doubts, lack of willpower and faith? God didn't create us for slavery! God offers us a home, the abiding place of God's glory, the sacred heart of Jesus, where freedom, love, and redemption encapsulates the essence of God.

*"you shall have no other gods before me"* could include any person, place, or thing that we hold to be more important or as important as God. These 'other gods' could also be the long-standing gods we continue to worship such as money, property, fame, power, control, addictions to ... the list is long. Even our own preconceived ideas and images of God can cause us to reject God's wisdom and initiatives (such as the cross). How we think about God will deeply affect how we think about and act toward our neighbor.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us focus on Jesus and enter into His relationship with God. Only in union with Him can we truly worship in our hearts and in our lives.

God's abundance,  
Mona

### Weekend Mass Times

Sunday - 11:00 am

Sunday - 4:00 pm

Weekday Mass Times: - Wednesday & Friday 12:10pm

### CONFESSION:

Friday 11:30am to 12:05pm - no appointment necessary

### BAPTISM

Please email: [hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbp baptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org)

### CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Please email: [mbristow@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:mbristow@rcdvictoria.org)

### HOSPITAL VISITS - RJH/VGH

Hospital Emergencies: 250-889-3761

Chaplain - Fr. Sean Flynn

Other health concerns, non-emergency: call 811

After hours Parish Emergencies ONLY: 250-294-9615

### EURCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

24/7 Adoration in our side Chapel

Call or visit the office for an entry code

### FUNERALS

Please contact the Parish Office

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. William Hann

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday 11:00am to 3:00 pm

Custodian: Dean Riches

We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory St. Patrick's Parish stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

Report Sexual Abuse

Sexual Abuse Reporting to an Independent Reporting Agency 1-800-968-3146

## COLLECTIONS FEB. 25, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 1,860.00
Loose Change	\$ 437.70
PAD	\$ 803.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,100.70</b>

Refugee Fund \$ 120.00

## FINANCIAL NEWS

	Feb. 25	YTD
Received	\$ 3,100.70	\$46,584.24
Needed	\$ 4,775.00	\$38,200.00
Difference	-\$ 1,675.00	\$ 8,384.24

## PARISH CONTACTS

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## ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7

For information on registrations for 2023/2024 school year, please contact the school.

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## FROM OUR PARISH:

### Prayer Reflection

**Anointing of the Sick** permits us to touch with our hands God's compassion for humanity.  
—Pope Francis

When the church **anoints** a sick person, it **anoints** a member of its own body.

—Sister Susan Wood, S.C.L.

By the grace of the sacrament of **Anointing of the Sick**, the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting more closely to Christ's Passion.

—Catechism of the Catholic Church

### WORD OF THE WEEK

#### **Word of the week! Anointing of the Sick**

A sacrament for the recovery and salvation of a critically ill or injured person formerly called Extreme Unction ("last **anointing**"). No longer reserved for those near death, one may be **anointed** before surgery, in extreme age or illness, after losing consciousness, or when no longer coherent. **Anointing of the Sick** permits us to touch with our hands God's compassion for humanity. The mercy of God extends to the body as well as soul of each person. Jesus ministered to the sick and suffering both physically and spiritually. The church continues this ministry in its care for the whole person. When it comes to your health, you can always turn to the saints for help. Feeling sick? Ask Saint John of God, patron of the sick and hospitals, to intercede on your behalf. Suffering from arthritis? Invoke Saint Alphonsus Ligouri. Have a headache? Entreat Saint Teresa of Ávila.

### Baptismal Preparation

*Do you want to have your child welcomed into the family of God through baptism? To prepare you must complete a registration form and complete a Baptismal Preparation course. Please note that the next sessions to choose from for Baptismal Preparation are:*

*Sat, March 9 (10:00 am – 12 noon); and Sat, April 13 (10:00 am – 12 noon)*

*Please email [hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:hcsbaptismalprep@rcdvictoria.org) with your name and contact information. The coordinator will then contact you with more details about baptism.*

### **Prayer for the Children Preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishes:**

*Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children preparing to receive Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Come Holy Spirit and rest upon them. May it be the beginning of a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish the Blessed Sacrament. Amen.*

We have 27 children who are catechumens and candidates. The RCIC group will celebrate at the Easter Vigil at Holy Cross, and the Year 2 group will celebrate at Pentecost at St Patrick's. Thank you for keeping the children of St Patrick's and Holy Cross in your prayers! *Michele*

### **A Date To Remember**

Father William invites all St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Parishioners to attend The Diocesan Reconciliation Service that will take place at St. Joseph The Work Parish, Wednesday March 20th at 7pm. Several priest will be in attendance.

His Holiness Pope Francis Prayer Intention for the month of March 2024, is for the Martyrs of our day, witnesses to Christ.

**Video link click here:** <https://youtu.be/ov49Rpt2ii8?si=Gh6B3RwpaPWlg1My>

The parents of the St. Andrew's High School's graduation class are having an Auction to raising funds for a "Dry Grad" Celebration. Their goal is to make this important milestone unforgettable experience for the youth and families involved while keeping the students safe. The Auction takes place March 1 -9, 2024. Happy Bidding! <https://www.32auctions.com/SARHS2024>

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Mar 3 - 11:00am + Gerald Moreau  
 Sun Mar 3 - 4:00pm + Sheila Quinn  
 Wed Mar 6 - 12:10pm + Serafim, + Elmira & +Fernando Botelho  
 Fri Mar 8 - 12:10pm + Humberto & + Maria Simas

Bishop Gary Gordon will celebrate a Special Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturday, March 16th in honour of the dedication of those who work or volunteer in health care. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person at Sacred Heart Church in Victoria or via livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFqxWFAvwJE>. A reception will follow in the parish hall for those attending in person.

## FROM OUR PARISH AND THE DIOCESE



Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to Heidi Pivara and her family on the death of her father, Willy Pivara, who passed away this week. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him. May God's love surround the Pivara family and bring them hope and strength during this difficult time



CWL General Meeting for all members - Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall. Bring your own bag lunch and we will provide tea, coffee and dessert. Ladies, if you're thinking about becoming a member, you're welcome to join us and check us out! We'd love to have you!

All people of the Diocese of Victoria are invited to join in the celebration of the Chrism Mass on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm. At this yearly liturgy, sacred oils are blessed and given to representatives from each parish in the diocese. These will be presented in each church on Holy Thursday and used during the coming year for Baptisms, Confirmations, and Anointing's of the Sick This year's Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral, also livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMGHYEro3bg>

### VICTORIA DIOCESAN BURSARY - IN MEMORY OF FREDA SMITH

The Victoria Diocesan CWL Council is offering a \$750 bursary to a graduating Catholic student within the Diocese of Victoria. This bursary will be awarded to a student proceeding on to a form of higher education. Criteria and applications are available at the Parish Office, online at [cwldov.org](http://cwldov.org) or from Audrey Thom, CWL Education Chair at [aethom@uvic.ca](mailto:aethom@uvic.ca) by March 31, 2024.

### Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia

In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Development and Peace partner **PAYOPAYO** empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women. Our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of **PAYOPAYO**, spoke at Holy Cross Church last week. To support him and our partners in the Global South, please give generously to the **Annual Share Lent Collection** taking place on **Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>**.

### LIVESTREAM MASSES

**Live Mass broadcast this weekend! Mass is livestreamed this week, Saturday March 2nd from Holy Cross Church at 4:00 PM. Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>**

### NEXT WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday Mar. 4	Tuesday Mar. 5	Wednesday Mar. 6	Thursday Mar. 7	Friday Mar. 8,	Saturday Mar. 9	Sunday Mar 10
St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed  12:10pm Liturgy Of The Word With Communion  7:00pm AA Peace	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church  11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  10:00am Librarians Meeting  7:00om Toastmasters  7:00pm AA CLUE	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church  1:00pm CWL - General Meeting  7:00pm AA Peace	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church  11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  7:00pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting  7:00pm AA Peace	11:00am to 3:00pm Church Open for Prayer & Visitation Parish Office Open  11:30am Stations of the Cross and Confessions  12:10pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church  3:00pm Divine Mercy  7:00pm CA Meeting	St. Patrick's Church and Parish Office are Closed  10:00am Baptism Preparation Course  4:00pm Mass - Holy Cross Church	9:00am Mass - Holy Cross Church 9:45am Sacramental Prep - Class 11:00am Mass - St. Patrick's Church Refreshments to Follow 12:00pm RCIC - Sacramental Class  4:00pm Mass - St. Patrick's Church "Live Streaming"



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